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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

The concise explanation of relevance for the non-English documents may be found inter alia, in the specification where they are cited and in the English abstracts attached thereto. The concise explanation of relevance for JP 9-310181 may be found in the corresponding U.S. Patent No. 6,145,469.

The Examiner's attention is also directed to the following U.S. Application:

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A copy of this cited Application is enclosed.

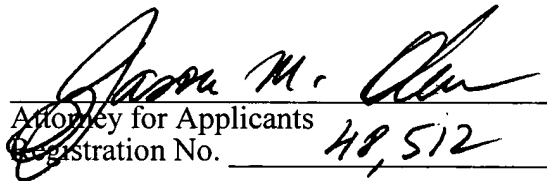
CONCLUSION

It is respectfully requested that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 be returned indicating that such information has been considered.

It is believed that no fee is required to obtain consideration of the information. However, if such a fee is necessary, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205.

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